

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 15, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

- I. **Chairperson Willie E. Bell called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Kirk Goodlow provided the invocation.
- III. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Annie Mae Holt, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown (3:17 p.m.)	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:08 p.m.)	Yes	
Lisa Carter (4:10 p.m.)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez (3:17 p.m.)	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Martin Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

- IV. **The Board approved the Agenda for Thursday, April 15, 2021.**

Motion: Commissioner Bernard **Second:** Commissioner Jones **Discussion:** None.

VOTE: **Yes = 6** **No = 0** **Motion: ADOPTED**

- V. **Chairperson Holt called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2021. After no corrections were submitted, the minutes were approved.**

Motion: Commissioner Bernard **Second:** Commissioner Jones **Discussion:** None.

VOTE: **Yes = 6** **No = 0** **Motion: ADOPTED**

- VI. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**

- VII. **Chair's Report.** Chairperson Bell discussed the recent killing by police of Duane Wright. He was fatally shot during a traffic stop for driving with expired license plates and an air freshener hanging from his rear view mirror. Chairperson Bell added, "I did not know, this was such a glaring issue for police stops to take place in this country. It is amazing to me that something that small would generate such scrutiny from police. Other states have dealt with that, it is supposed to be obstructing your view. The resignation by both the Brooklyn Center, Minnesota police officer and its police chief do not resolve the grave injustice for Mr. Wright and his family. Nor, do the resignations answer the urgent need to address the systemic problems with police use of force in America, typically, against people of color for minor offenses. The Board of Police Commissioners calls for federal standards and monitoring to ensure accountability in police agencies across the country until deaths like Mr. Floyd and Mr. Wright and far too many others become rare incidents. **Board Updates:** I would like to thank our entire staff again for the hard work, dedication and steadfast commitment to the city of Detroit and the Board of Police Commissioners. We have a Closed Session scheduled regarding personnel items. Agency CFO, Mr. James George will update the Board in the future once the city budget is reviewed and finalized. We have a presentation from Crime Intelligence and Unfinished

Business is the MARS Towing matter. Starting today, I will be enforcing Article XI – Conduct of Meetings of our Bylaws. I will give two warnings in the event of a disruption or breach of order. After speaker receive two warnings on the third breached of order, I would entertain a motion to remove the speaker from the meeting. We will take a vote to determine whether the speaker will be removed from the meeting. If the vote passes the speaker will be muted and camera would be disabled. Pursuant to Article XI. Section E. Once the Chairperson declares the breach of order a penalty may be imposed by a majority vote to require the non-complaint Board member to leave for the remainder of the meeting. I will notify the speaker they are in violation of our bylaws and that they are not speaking through the Chair. Regarding waiting to be recognized to speak for the Commissioners, please raise your hand in Zoom and I will acknowledge you to speak, please be reminded that you must wait to be recognized by the Chair. You must speak through the Chair and not directly to the official you are attempted to address. Vice-Chair Holt will keep a record of the next speaker, if I missed someone. I am giving her that official capacity. Commissioners will be called on raising a hand to be acknowledge, if you determine that department or speaker require more time to research an answer or require additional information, or there are numerous questions. We ask for the questions in writing. We ask for your patience in receiving those answers in writing. I will request the Commissioner to please submit the questions in writing to, ensure that sufficient time is allowed to research, and provide a response to the Board of Police Commissioners. Regarding motion(s), we will also use the same format. If a Commissioner would like to speak, please raise your hand to do so. Also if you have multiple motions or lengthy motions, I respectfully request the Commissioner to submit the motion in advance in writing to the Full Board to ensure accuracy with the meeting minutes and ensure the Board is able to follow the motion. Moving forward we are not allowing personal attacks about members of the body because it is out of order. We will respect each other throughout this process. This is an expectation we will have for each other and for the people who attend this meeting. If I determine that this meeting is becoming out of order, then I will call for recess until everyone has calmed down and returned to proper meeting decorum. In conclusion, I thank you in advance for your cooperation, understanding if you would like further information, please refer to the Board Bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order. In addition to that, when we get into questions and answers of a Commissioner responding I hope to give you three minutes. I am going to ask Ms. Blossom and Vice-Chair Holt to help monitor that if you take three minutes, no more if less than yield. This is a standard format we are trying to bring order, the public wants this and they demand this, DPD demands this and we should demand the same courtesy and conduct ourselves. I hope if you have a question or concerned, that you raised that question of concern with me at this time. **Commissioner Davis** indicated hopefully, you will attempt to be a little bit more fair and balance, because we should have a right to raise objections, especially if it appears that, you have preferential treatment for some and not others, thank you.

Resolution: Commissioner Jones read the resolution supporting the Skylar Herbert Room at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

**Resolution supporting the Skylar Herbert Room
at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters**

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Detroit endows the Board of Police Commissioners with supervisory control and oversight of the Police Department. Since its creation in 1974, the Board traditionally has held its meetings at Police Headquarters at 1300 Beaubien Street and, since 2013, at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters at 1301 Third Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board traditionally met weekly in the Michigan Room of Detroit Public Safety Headquarters on every Thursday at 3 p.m. except the second Thursday when the Board holds a monthly community meeting at various locations in the evening. However, the global pandemic required the Board to observe public health precautions and to begin virtual meetings on April 2, 2020. Even as our community united in solidarity against the new, infectious, and deadly COVID-19 virus, we began to suffer tremendous, painful losses to the disease; and

WHEREAS, Detroit’s own Skylar Herbert became the first child in Michigan to die from COVID-19 in April 2020. At age five, Skylar was already a bright star, one who had heroes as parents: a Detroit police officer for a mother and a Detroit firefighter for a father. The Board of Police Commissioners commends Skylar’s parents – Ebbie and LaVondria Herbert – for the strength, grace, and generosity that they have shown in sharing their daughter’s story to help inform and educate the public. Their commitment to selfless service shined brightly in Skylar, and it is fitting to rename the main public meeting space at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters in Skylar’s honor as it is home to both police and fire headquarters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT,
RESOLVED,

that the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners supports the renaming of the Michigan Room as the Skylar Herbert Room at the dedication ceremony held April 7, 2021. Upon the return to in-person meetings, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners will be humbled and honored to meet in the Skylar Herbert Room. The Board hopes all who gather in her room forever remember and seek to rise to the shining example set by young Skylar Herbert.

Vice-Chairperson Holt moved to adopt the resolution supporting the Skylar Herbert Room at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. **Commissioner Hernandez** seconded. Discussion: **None**.

VIII. VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

Commissioner Burton expressed that it is a great resolution we have to read the resolution correctly for the viewing audience.

IX. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police’s Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:

Deputy Chief Marlon Wilson represented Chief James E. Craig and reported on officers injured in the line of duty; current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; Protest Activities; COVID-19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting DPD and the community. **See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.**

Category	Prior Day	Prior 7 Days	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Change	% Change
Criminal Homicides*	0	6	82	68	14	21% ▲
Sex Assaults*	0	9	209	198	11	6% ▲
Aggravated Assaults*	33	251	3,115	2,285	830	36% ▲
- Non-Fatal Shootings*	2	26	239	175	64	37% ▲
Robberies	3	25	381	576	-195	-34% ▼
- Carjackings	0	6	62	46	16	35% ▲
Part I Violent Crime	36	291	3,787	3,127	660	21% ▲
Category	Prior Day	Prior 7 Days	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Change	% Change
Burglaries	5	54	967	1,558	-591	-38% ▼
Larcenies	13	130	2,571	3,563	-992	-28% ▼
Motor Vehicle Thefts	5	62	1,571	1,770	-199	-11% ▼
Part I Property Crime	23	246	5,109	6,891	-1,782	-26% ▼
Total Part I Crime	59	537	8,896	10,018	-1,122	-11% ▼

Drag Racing Statistics: 103 Traffic Stops; 137 Traffic citations; 7 vehicles impounded and 1 slated for forfeiture; 7 FA; and 4 weapons being recovered; 67 members currently quarantined; 50 isolated.

Commissioner Rev. Holley requested a report/presentation based on the recent police-involved fatal encounters regarding the Chief of Police’s message to Department members during Roll Call regarding high-profile police-involved incidents that have occurred resulting in a fatal encounter. **Commissioner Rev. Holley** discussed the community should hear and understand the message Chief Craig shares with the members during Roll Call. **Chairperson Bell** supported the request stating the community should be educated and informed regarding this matter. **Commissioner Davis** requested the Department’s Mobilization Plan asking how long it takes officers to respond to their precincts if an emergency occurs. **Commissioner Davis** requested ongoing updates in this regard and stated that he had been requesting this information for over a year. **Commissioner Davis** also asked when the Department last conducted a Mobilization Exercise. **Commissioner Bernard** requested the Department’s written Impound Policy and Forfeiture Policy. Commissioner Bernard also discussed the Department previously provided a lot for persons wishing to utilize the lot for drag racing and vehicle activity. She requested that a prevention model versus an arrest model be utilized for the community regarding the illegal driving activity on the street and requested a larger space be designated for persons who would like to participate in the certain driving activity notwithstanding liability concerns. **Commissioner Burch** discussed that Board Members bring many issues to the forum and are told by the Department that responses will be provided at a later date. **Commissioner Burch** asked how the Department can communicate better with the Commissioners for the transfer of information to residents regarding concerns raised on an ongoing basis. **Commissioner Burch** also asked for information regarding the number of patrol vehicles parked in the precinct lots versus being utilized on the streets. **Commissioner Burch** asked for the Department’s ongoing efforts to continue training its members. **Commissioner Jones** discussed the number of vehicles impounded and seized

and the impact of drag racing and traffic stop violations. He asked for information regarding the vehicles seized in a traffic stop and/or drag racing. **Commissioner Burton** requested the number of calls made and dispatched for service for 7800 Jefferson at the River Towers Residential Facility. He also cited Report No. 21-0402-0181, 4/2/21, at 1:50 p.m. brought forth by a senior citizen requesting assistance who alleged he had reported a crime and had not received communication from a police detective. **Commissioner Burton** requested the video of the encounter involving Nakita Wallace “who was placed in a chokehold” by Detroit Police Officers, and video of “officers allegedly running over innocent protestors.” **Commissioner Burton** also requested the police response times for Priorities 1, 2, and 3. As a request from members of the disabled community who are hearing impaired, **Commissioner Burton** requested Department members to wear clear facial masks to allow for varying circumstances. **Commissioner Burton** requested this information be provided in writing to the Board within the next week or two weeks.

PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: A. Crime Intel/Real Time Crime Center – Captain Aric Tosqui presented on Crime Intel/Real Time Crime Center. **Captain Tosqui** provided a brief history of the Real Time Crime Center, its stages of development and the announcement of the new RTCC that is currently under instruction for expansion scheduled for reopening in May 2021 at the Detroit Public Headquarters. The roles and responsibilities were described regarding the Crime Intelligence Unit (i.e. hub of all crime intelligence) and the Audio Video Evidence Response Team (AVERT), and including but not limited to the standardized training each unit is required to undergo for operating various technologies. (i.e. Pattern Analysis, Location Vetting, Project Greenlight, Gun Stat Scoring, ShotSpotter Technology to name a few). Beginning in February 2020, the Department’s Infomatics Team has undertaken the Community Compstat Monthly Meetings at 4 p.m. in each district. Currently, Project Greenlight Programs have expanded to 746 locations as of this date. Also, Counterterrorism Threat Analysis Team (CTAT) is responsible for into international and domestic terrorism and also partner with Homeland Security, FBI, and WSU. Additionally, the DPD Shield Outreach Training, which continued throughout the public health crisis, and has worked with the community to train on active attack, combatting violent extremism and domestic terrorism, counterterrorism, among other violent attacks. Also, referenced was “Stop the Bleed” Initiative to offset injuries until further assistance was provided.

Commissioner Jones asked for information relating the effectiveness of the DPD’s ShotSpotter Program. **Commissioner Jones** also asked for more information regarding the tools and resources that Project Greenlight Technology provides to Department Members to assist with the investigation of the police run. **Commissioner Davis** requested the cost to operate the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) including the yearly cost to operate the center. **Commissioner Brown** asked whether the Department was leading the Compstat Operation versus Wayne State University. **Commissioner Brown** also requested that DPD Shield Training be provided during an upcoming Board Meeting, at all Precinct Community Relations’ Meetings, or Citywide Police Community Relations Meetings. **Commissioner Brown** indicated he would follow up with Mr. Alvin Stokes, President of Precinct Community Relations Meetings. **Commissioner Burch** requested more information regarding the Department’s training initiatives for the community given the technologies invested in buildings and requested information regarding the process for determining where members will be assigned/transferred once promoted. **Commissioner Bernard** requested the price for the user involved in the PGL, whether that is a one-time fee. **Commissioner Bernard** also requested information regarding which unit processes FRT, and the reasonable suspicion standard for the use of the Facial Recognition Technology. **Commissioner Burton** inquired why PGL were designated as Priority 1 calls versus residents calling from the neighborhoods. He also requested the statistics or the data of PGL are selling loose cigarettes and whether arrests have been made. **Commissioner Burton** also requested whether traffic stops are added into police response times. **Chairperson Bell** issued Commissioner Burton two (2) warnings regarding outbursts. **Commissioner Burton** called to overrule the Chair. Chairperson Bell asked the Board for their pleasure regarding the speaker’s outbursts.

Commissioner Holt moved to silence Commissioner Burton’s microphone. Commissioner Jones seconded the call. Discussion.

Commissioner Holt moved to withdraw the motion to silence Commissioner Burton’s microphone.

MOTION TO SILENCE COMMISSIONER BURTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XI OF THE BYLAWS.

Motion: Vice-Chairperson Holt **Second:** Commissioner Jones **Discussion:** Discussion.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW MOTION TO SILENCE COMMISSIONER BURTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XI OF THE BYLAWS.

Motion: Commissioner Brown **Second:** Commissioner Jones **Discussion:** Discussion.

X. Report from Interim Board Secretary/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:

1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 4/5/21 – 4/11/21
2. Legal Opinion Regarding Potential Conflict of Interest – MARS Recovery Matter
3. Correspondence Support Material
4. Board of Ethics Complain 2021-07
5. Staff Reports

XI. Unfinished Business.

A. Michigan Auto Recovery Service Inc. Represented by Attorney Jermaine Wyrick, Captain Michael Parish, DPD, Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Savage Whitley

Captain Michael Parish stated the department submitted a comprehensive referral on the matter of Michigan Auto Recovery back in March has been approximately a month since the document was submitted. The company at issue has requested several adjournments, the most recent one, I was not willing to grant nor asked the Board to grant through the Board Secretary, because this would be the third adjournment of this matter made at the request of Michigan Auto Recovery. We felt it important to come before the Board at least provide an update on how we got here, and I believe it's time for Michigan Auto Recovery to address the Board, through its attorney and explain why they need yet another adjournment notwithstanding the fact that the contending for approximately a month now, with that I would defer to the Board's attorney on this matter.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Savage Whitley provided correspondence and provided a timeline of the events and concurs with what Captain Parish shared earlier. Attorney Whitley recommended that both parties appear today and also asked Attorney Wyrick to provide an explanation to the Board regarding his client's unavailability to attend the meeting today, wherein flight information for his client was shared. Attorney Whitley shared that she thought it was best for the client to appear because several adjournments were granted and this was the date set for the hearing.

Attorney Jermaine Wyrick provided an update regarding his client, Mr. Errigo, who is the owner of MARS, and is on a flight returning from Orlando, Florida. **Attorney Wyrick** noted that he was there to learn the best practices for towing and has been there for the past two weeks. **Attorney Wyrick** also provided information to Attorney Whitley and Captain Parish regarding a copy of the flight reservations confirming that his client does not return to the Detroit Metro Airport until later in the evening.

MOTION TO ALLOW THE ADJOURNMENT FOR MARS TOW RECOVERY AN ADDITIONAL 7 TO 10 DAYS.

Motion: Commissioner Bernard **Second:** Commissioner Hernandez **Discussion:** Discussion.

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Holley and Commissioner Jones.

No:

VOTE: **Yes = 10** **No = 0** **Motion: PASSED**

XII. New Business.

MOTION TO POSTPONE THE POSTING OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2021.

Motion: Commissioner Holley **Second:** Commissioner Jones **Discussion:** Discussion.

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Holley and Commissioner Jones.

No: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Carter, and Commissioner Davis.

VOTE: **Yes = 6** **No = 5** **Motion: PASSED**

XIII. Announcements:

Mr. Robert Brown announced the following:

1. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Meeting
2. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Meeting

XIV. Oral Communications/Public Comments:

CAC Scotty Boman, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Tawana Petty, Ms. Lory Parks, and Ms. Michelle George offered public comments.

XV. Motion to go into Closed Session

XVI. Chairperson Bell adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Holt

Second: Commissioner Brown

Discussion. None: Motion Adopted.